

**BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING  
PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

All regular, special, and emergency meetings of the Perry Board of Education shall be open to the public.

The board wishes to be responsive to the public and to encourage patron attendance and participation at board meetings. A public participation time will be available at all regular meetings and at special and emergency meetings at the discretion of the board president.

In order to affect efficient and businesslike meetings, the board of education sets the following standards for patrons attending board meetings:

1. Patrons requesting to address the board during public comments shall complete form BED-E prior to the beginning of the meeting. The president of the board shall recognize speakers, maintain proper order, and require patrons to adhere to time limits. Speakers are requested to limit remarks to no more than five (5) minutes in order to maintain an orderly and business-like forum. Repetitive comments by consecutive individuals may be curtailed by the president.
2. Board members and administrative staff will not respond to questions from the public during the board meeting, unless the item meets the legal requirement of new business, since doing so could be in violation of the Open Meeting Act.. Proper questions from members of the public may be referred to the superintendent for later report to the board. The board will not be able to vote on matters brought forward by the public during public participation time if such matters are not specific agenda items.
3. The board shall not hear personnel complaints unless the proper administrative procedures concerning complaints have been followed. The board will not permit verbal discussion regarding any school personnel, nor discuss individuals by name or title, nor permit remarks about any such individual. In that event, discussion will automatically terminate.
4. The board president will permit discussion of agenda items, with audience participation, at the board's discretion. When such discussion is permitted, the board president will determine the amount of time to be allocated. Discussion will conclude at the end of the allotted time.
5. The board clerk shall ask all visitors to list their names in the visitor's register.
6. No speeches for or against candidates for political office will be permitted.
7. The clerk of the board will provide, in writing, answers to individuals or to a group spokesman, when directed to do so by a majority vote of the board of education.

**REFERENCE: 70 O.S. §5-118**